

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1) (Currently amended) Seed of maize inbred line designated NP2276 representative seed of said maize inbred line having been deposited under ATCC Accession No: PTA-4002.
- 2) (Currently amended) A maize plant, or a parts thereof, produced by growing the seed of claim 1 of inbred line NP2286, ~~seed of said line having been deposited under ATCC~~ Accession No:                     .
- 3) (Original) Pollen of the plant of claim 2.
- 4) (Original) An ovule of the plant of claim 2.
- 5) (Currently amended) A maize plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the[[a]] plant according to claim 2.
- 6-10) (Canceled)
- 11) (Currently amended) The[[A]] maize plant, or a part thereof, according to claim [[9]]2 or 5, wherein one or more transgenes comprises a gene conferring upon further comprising a transgene that confers upon said maize plant tolerance to a herbicide.
- 12) (Original) A maize plant according to claim 11, wherein said herbicide is glyphosate, gluphosinate, a sulfonylurea or an imidazolinone herbicide, a hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxxygenase inhibitor or a protoporphyrinogen oxidase inhibitor.
- 13) (Currently amended) A maize plant according to claim [[9]]2 or 5, further comprising a wherein said one or more transgene[[s]] that confers comprises a gene conferring upon said maize plant insect resistance, disease resistance or virus resistance.

14) (Currently amended) The[[A]] maize plant according to claim 13, wherein said gene conferring upon said maize plant insect resistance is a *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1Ab gene.

15) (Currently amended) The[[A]] maize plant according to claim 14, further comprising a *bar* gene.

16) (Canceled)

17) (Currently amended) Seed of [[a]]the plant according to claim 2 or 5[[9]].

18) (Currently amended) A tissue culture of regenerable cells of [[a]]the maize plant according to claim 2, wherein [[the]]said tissue culture regenerates plants ~~capable of expressing~~ all having the morphological and physiological characteristics of the maize plant[[s]] according to claim 2.

19) (Currently amended) [[A]]The tissue culture according to claim 18, wherein the regenerable cells are from a tissue[[being]] selected from the group consisting of embryo[[s]], meristem[[s]], pollen, leave[[s]], anther[[s]], root[[s]], root tip[[s]], silk, flower[[s]], kernel[[s]], ear[[s]], cob[[s]], husk[[s]] and stalk[[s]], or are [[being]] protoplasts or callus produced ~~derived~~ therefrom.

20) (Currently amended) A maize plant regenerated from the tissue culture of claim 18, ~~capable of expressing all having~~ the morphological and physiological characteristics of inbred line NP2276, seed of said inbred line having been deposited under ATCC Accession No: PTA-4002.

21-24) (Canceled)

25) (Currently amended) A method for producing maize seed comprising crossing a first parent maize plant with a second parent maize plant and harvesting the resultant ~~first generation~~

maize seed, wherein said first or second parent maize plant is the inbred maize plant of claim 2 or 5.

26) (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 25, wherein said first parent maize plant is different from said second parent maize plant, wherein said resultant seed is a first generation (F1) hybrid maize seed.

27) (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 25, wherein inbred maize plant of claim 2 is the female parent.

28) (Currently amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 25, wherein inbred maize plant of claim 2 is the male parent.

29-47) (Canceled)